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LB 952

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to 952, Mr. President.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I move the E & R amendments to 952 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: All in favor say aye, contrary say nay. The E & R are adopted, Senator Cullan. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, LB 952 we have four amendments. I'll offer all of them and if somebody wants one of them pulled out well maybe we will save time. The first amendment is a reappropriation of unexpended balance that will be anticipated. When LB 38A was enacted last session, it called for some expenditure of funds for training of judges and court personnel under the new criminal code that goes into effect January 1, 1979, and those training programs are not completed and will continue and this is an authorization to expend the balance of those \$30,000 the next fiscal year to complete the activity. Amendment number 2 is an additional \$35,000 of General Fund money to rent office space outside the State Capitol by the Attorney General's office. The space that they have in mind is the NSEA building across the street. It is for \$35,000. I should indicate to you that as I understand it last summer when space was being developed for the Legislature, a portion of the space which was assigned to the Attorney General's office was relinquished by him for legislative use. At the time, it was considered that the renovation would occur this year for the space that the Attorney General was to have down on the first floor in the south-east quadrant which is currently occupied by data processing or a portion of data processing. For a variety of reasons data processing can not move so the \$167,000 that was anticipated to be made for renovation of those spaces can not be made, will not be made and this \$35,000 allows the Attorney General to take the people that he has up on the tenth floor, I believe, and the fourth floor of the tower and they would be housed over in this rental space rather than....because the renovation can not occur and it will be only on a yearly basis until such time as the renovation can occur. Amendment number three is a new amendment adding \$30,000 for...to the Governor's budget to provide in a separate program, to provide transition funds for the Governor-Elect in order to provide some minimal clerical staff and letterheads and so forth that will be an expense to that individual prior to taking office and after election. In the final amendment, it is merely a corrective one transferring within the legislative budget the cost of WATS line from its current program, Legislative Service program over to the Clerk of the Legislature's program, no adjustment in funds because it is just a transfer of programs for this service. I move the adoption of those four amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Warner two or three questions on these amendments, if I may. Senator Warner, the first one is the reappropriation of the \$30,000 from 38A that was carried over. What was, and I beg ignorance, what was our original appropriation for this purpose?